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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Committee on the Rights of the Child has on several occasions emphasized the importance it attaches to areas where technical assistance would seem appropriate in a particular country, as arising from the consideration of a State party's report, and in the light of the provisions of article 45 (b) of the Convention.

2. A table indicating areas in which the need for technical advice and advisory services has been identified in the light of the observations adopted by the Committee at its third to ninth sessions is to be found in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR ADVISORY SERVICES AND TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

State party	Initial report	Observations by the Committee	Areas identified for advisory services and technical assistance
Belarus	CRC/C/3/Add.14	CRC/C/15/Add.17 (fifth session)	Para. 18 - Assistance from UNICEF, WHO, Centre for Human Rights and other interested organizations for, inter alia, harmonization of legislation and measures with CRC, development of coordinating body on children's rights, determining the targeting of programmes, the major thrust of policies and the mobilization of resources for the rights of the child. International assistance for measures to cope with aftermath of Chernobyl nuclear disaster.
Burkina Faso	CRC/C/3/Add.19	CRC/C/15/Add.19 (sixth session)	Para. 18 - Assistance from the programme of advisory services and technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights in the field of the administration of juvenile justice - support from the international community in the fields of legislative review, training of law-enforcement personnel, judges and other administration of justice officials, and for the development of an adequate data collection system on the situation of children.
Chile	CRC/C/3/Add.18	CRC/C/15/Add.22 (sixth session)	Para. 17 - Availability of the programme of advisory services and technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights to assist in establishing a legal system of administration of juvenile justice.

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Colombia	CRC/C/8/Add.3	CRC/C/15/Add.15 (preliminary) (fifth session) CRC/C/15/Add.30 (concluding) (eighth session)	Para. 16 - Closer cooperation with relevant international agencies to assess the implementation of the Convention and narrow the gap between law and practice. Para. 19 - Assistance from ILO in the area of child labour. Para. 24 - Cooperation with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Centre for Human Rights, to embark upon major reform in all areas of concern indicated.
Honduras	CRC/C/3/Add.17	CRC/C/15/Add.24 (seventh session)	Para. 22 - Organization of a meeting with members of the Committee, the donor community, the World Bank, the IMF, UNICEF and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to discuss availability of resources to implement the Convention within the framework of international cooperation. Para. 34 - Technical assistance from UNHCR to introduce legislation for the protection of the rights of refugees.
Indonesia	CRC/C/3/Add.10 and Add.26	CRC/C/15/Add.7 (preliminary) (fourth session) CRC/C/15/Add.25 (concluding) (sixth session)	Para. 19 - Law reforms to ensure conformity with the Convention. (Activities developed by the programme of advisory services and technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights.) Para. 18 - Assistance from the programme of advisory services and technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights for the review of child-related laws to ensure conformity with the Convention. Para. 23 - Technical advice from ILO on legislation and monitoring mechanisms for the protection of working children.

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Jamaica	CRC/C/8/Add.12	CRC/C/15/Add.32 (eighth session)	Para. 18 - Assistance from the Centre for Human Rights in undertaking law reform. Para. 19 - Meeting to discuss, within the framework of international cooperation, the implementation of the Convention. Para. 28 - Technical assistance from UNESCO for a thorough review of the education system. Para. 29 - Assistance from ILO and UNICEF in the area of child labour. Para. 30 - Technical assistance from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in law reform in the field of the administration of juvenile justice.
Madagascar	CRC/C/8/Add.5	CRC/C/15/Add.26 (seventh session)	Para. 21 - Assistance from ILO to reinforce State party's capacity to monitor the Convention in the area of child exploitation. Para. 22 - Technical assistance from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in the area of administration of juvenile justice.
Namibia	CRC/C/3/Add.12	CRC/C/15/Add.14 (fifth session)	Para. 12 - Consideration to be given to the possibility of Namibia becoming a party to all major international human rights instruments (assistance from the Centre for Human Rights). Para. 20 - Administration of juvenile justice (continued cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, UNICEF).

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Nicaragua	CRC/C/3/Add.25	CRC/C/15/Add.36 (ninth session)	Para. 32 - General implementation measures, with particular attention to the most vulnerable groups of children. Support for initiatives designed to facilitate international cooperation in assisting the State party to meet its obligations under the Convention. Para. 40 - Further technical assistance from ILO in the area of legal reforms and preventive campaigns to address the issue of child labour.
Pakistan	CRC/C/3/Add.13	CRC/C/15/Add.18 (sixth session)	Para. 31 - Assistance from the Centre for Human Rights for reviewing the system of the administration of juvenile justice. Para. 32 - Technical advice from ILO for evaluating the adequacy of measures taken to deal with issues of the exploitation of children. Para. 34 - Continued cooperation with IGOs and NGOs for improving the situation of children; assistance and advice upon request from the Centre for Human Rights, UNICEF, ILO and other interested organizations and agencies for programmes to implement the Convention.
Paraguay	CRC/C/3/Add.17	CRC/C/15/Add.27 (preliminary) (seventh session)	Para. 16 - Incorporation in the activities organized under the joint programme of technical cooperation currently provided by the Centre for Human Rights and UNDP of the concerns raised by the Committee.
Peru	CRC/C/3/Add.7	CRC/C/15/Add.8 (fourth session)	Para. 19 - International assistance to address more effectively the challenge of improving the situation of children in especially difficult circumstances.

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Philippines	CRC/C/3/Add.23	CRC/C/15/Add.29 (eighth session)	Para. 26 - Technical assistance from ILO to implement the provisions of article 32 of the Convention. Para. 27 - Assistance in the administration of juvenile justice (law reform and training) from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch.
Poland	CRC/C/8/Add.11	CRC/C/15/Add.31 (eighth session)	Para. 31 - Technical assistance from UNHCR to address within legal reform the issue of unaccompanied children and children having been refused refugee status and awaiting deportation. Para. 32 - Technical assistance from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in the area of juvenile justice (law reform and training). Para. 35 - Technical assistance and advice from, among others, the Centre for Human Rights and UNICEF, in implementing the Convention (in particular to harmonize national legislation with the Convention, develop a coordinating and monitoring mechanism on children's rights and adopt a comprehensive social policy with child rights as a priority).
Romania	CRC/C/3/Add.16	CRC/C/15/Add.16 (fifth session)	Para. 23 - Continued cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights in the field of advisory services and technical assistance and support from the international community in the field of child rights.
Russian Federation	CRC/C/3/Add.5	CRC/C/15/Add.4 (third session)	Para. 20 - International cooperation for support in the procurement and manufacture of vaccines.
Rwanda	CRC/C/8/Add.1	CRC/C/15/Add.12 (preliminary) (fourth session)	Para. 3 - Technical advice and assistance for the preparation of the report (art. 45 (b) of the Convention).

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Sri Lanka	CRC/C/8/Add.13	CRC/C/15/Add.40 (ninth session)	Para. 26 - Technical assistance from the Centre for Human Rights in the legislative review in the areas of child abuse, child labour and juvenile justice. Para. 32 - International technical assistance for the training of professional groups, including teachers, law enforcement personnel, social workers and the military, with respect to the provisions of the Convention. Para. 41 - Technical assistance from ILO in the perspective of legislative reform on child labour.
Sudan	CRC/C/3/Add.3	CRC/C/15/Add.10 (fourth session)	Para. 20 - Continued cooperation with IGOs and NGOs to improve measures to alleviate the suffering of children.
Tunisia	CRC/C/11/Add.2	CRC/C/15/Add.39 (ninth session)	Para. 15 - Technical assistance from ILO for the possible ratification of ILO Convention No. 138 and campaigns to prevent the entry of adolescents into the labour force. Para. 16. Consultations with UNHCR with a view to considering the adoption of relevant legislative provisions regarding the rights of refugee and asylum-seeking children.
Viet Nam	CRC/C/3/Add.4	CRC/C/15/Add.3 (third session)	Para. 8 - Administration of juvenile justice (training course to be organized by the Centre for Human Rights).